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FOR: D/LOS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PLOS, CO, US
SUBJECT: COLOMBIAN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S
LETTER ON LOS CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 081447

1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF LETTER WHICH THE MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN RELATIONS' UNDERSECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZ-
ATIONS AND CONFERENCES, JOAQUIN FONSECA, HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY
TO CONVEY TO AMBASSADOR ELLIOT RICHARDSON IN RESPONSE TO THE
AMBASSADOR'S RECENT LETTER TO HIM (REFTEL) CONCERNING THE UP-
COMING LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE:

"DEAR AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON:

I HAVE THE HONOR OF RESPONDING TO YOUR KIND LETTER
OF APRIL 13, WHICH I HAVE READ WITH GREAT INTEREST.
YOU REFER TO THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES PLACES ON THE SUCCESS WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY MIGHT ACHIEVE IN THE NEGOTIATION OF A COMPLETE
AND JUST TREATY ON THE LAW OF THE SEA WHICH EFFECTIVELY
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RESPONDS TO THE INTERESTS OF ALL MANKIND. I AM PLEASED
TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY AGREEMENT WITH THIS PRINCIPLE.

I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE, SINCE
THE PREPARATORY STAGES, IN THE NEGOTIATIONS ON A NEW
LAW OF THE SEA, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF THE LEGAL
REGIMEN WHICH SHOULD BE APPLIED TO DEEP SEABEDS LOCATED
BEYOND THE JURISDICTION OF STATES. I AM CONVINCED THAT

THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEMS TO BE OVER-
COME IF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TRULY DESIRES TO
OWP FORMULATE AN EQUITABLE AND COMPREHENSIVE CONVENTION

ON THE LAW OF THE SEA.

SIMILARLY, I SHARE YOUR FEELINGS OF HOPE FOR THE
CONSTRUCTIVE CONSULTATIONS IN GENEVA UNDER THE SKILLFUL

GUIDANCE OF MINISTER EVENSEN OF NORWAY.

MINISTER INDALECIO LIEVANO HAS RESPONDED TO THE
SECRETARY OF STATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA,
JUST AS IT RECOGNIZES THE TRANSCENDENCY OF THE QUESTIONS
RELATED TO DEEP SEABEDS, PLACES DECISIVE IMPORTANCE ON
SEVERAL OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE, IN

ORDER TO CONCLUDE A CONVENTION OF THE LAW OF THE SEA
WHICH MIGHT RECEIVE THE WIDEST ACCEPTANCE BY THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

IT IS FORTUNATE THAT AMBASSADOR ZEA HERNANDEZ,
HEAD OF THE COLOMBIAN DELEGATION TO THE LAW OF THE SEA
CONFERENCE, HAPPENS TO BE IN BOGOTA AT PRESENT AND
WILL BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE, TOGETHER WITH HIS
ADVISORS, INCLUDING MYSELF, MESSRS. RICHARD G. DARMAN
AND JOHN THOMAS SMITH, DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVES
WHOSE PRESENCE AUGURS WELL FOR THE REALIZATION OF
ESPECIALLY FRUITFUL CONSULTATIONS.

ACCEPT, MISTER AMBASSADOR, MY CORDIAL GREETINGS
AND THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM,
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(SIGNED) JOAQUIN FONSECA TRUQUE,
UNDERSECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
AND CONFERENCES."

2. A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL LETTER IS BEING POUCHED TO ARA/AND.
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